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FOR S&T COUNSELOR
1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE FRG PROPOSED PROJECTS PARA 3 REF. WITH CONCERNED AGENCIES AND OTHER THAN POSSIBLY PROJECT (B) THEY DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF ADDITIONALITY. THESE PROJECTS ARE COVERED BY EXISTING AGREEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO OFFSET AGREEMENT AND CONSUMMATION NOT DEPENDENT ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM OFFSET.

2. REGARDING PROJECT (B) PARA 3 OF REF. AEC REPORTS
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ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRELIMINARY TALKS BETWEEN

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COMBUSTION ENGINEERING AND KWU THAT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE
THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, SO IT MAY BE
THE AVAILABILITY OF OFFSET FUNDS WOULD RESULT IN A CONTRACT
AND THIS PROJECT WOULD BE SUITABLE. AEC HAD RECEIVED A
PROPOSAL FROM COMB. ENGI, ON THIS SAME PROJECT EARLIER
AND WERE QUOTED A PRICE OF 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHICH
0.6 MILLION DOLLARS WAS FOR FACILITY MODIFICATIONS AND
CONSEQUENTLY WAS OF NO INTEREST TO AEC. COMB. ENGI. HAS
ALSO SUBMITTED SAME PROPOSAL TO ELECTRICAL PRODUCERS
RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. SO IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT ANY POSSIBLE CONTRACT BETWEEN KWU AND

COMB. ENGI. COULD BE DEPENDENT ON OTHERS PARTICIPATION
IN THAT THE FRG FUNDS WOULD NOT COVER THE PROPOSED COST.
YOU MAY WISH TO CONFIRM THIS.

3. INSOFAR AS SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT WE AGREE IT DOES NOT
QUALIFY AS ADDITIONALITY UNLESS RELATED TO ONE OF THE
COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. PAST PROCURMENTS OBVIOUSLY ARE
NOT AND ANY IDEA OF BRINGING PLANNED PROCURMENTS UNDER
OFFSET WOULD DETRACT FROM THE INTENT OF INCLUDING THIS
COMPONENT UNDER OFFSET. WE DO NOT FEEL CRITERIA USED
FOR MILITARY PURCHASES APPLICABLE IN THIS AREA. MILITARY
PURCHASES BECAUSE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE
CAN BE MORE EASILY IDENTIFIED IN MOST INSTANCES AS
ADDITIONALITY.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN IN PAST SOME JOINT VENTURES IN
URANIUM PROSPECTING, BUT NONE EXIST AT PRESENT, BUT WOULD
LIKE MORE INFORMATION PRIOR TO TAKING A FIRM POSITION.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE TECHMIN OF ABOVE RESPONSE
AND EXPRESS GOVERNMENT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT FRG HAS FAILED
TO VIEW THIS NEW OFFSET COMPONENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
GENERATE NEW AND IMAGINATIVE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. WE
WOULD HOPE THE TECHMIN CAN SUPPLY A NEW LIST OF PROJECTS
IN NEAR FUTURE. IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL WE CAN SUPPLY AN
UPDATED ILLUSTRATIVE LISTING OF PROJECTS OF MOST INTEREST
TO U.S. BUT BECAUSE SUCH A REVIEW WOULD INVOLVE A LARGE
NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND AGENCIES WE WOULD PREFER TO AT
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LEAST KNOW WHICH S&T SECTORS, E.G. SPACE, HEALTH ETC ARE
OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO FRG AND THEREBY LIMIT OUR REVIEW. SISCO

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